

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, August 8, 2007, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Ann Visalli Deputy State Treasurer (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	
W. Allen Jones, Treasurer	Kevin Coyle (representing the Hon. John Hughes.)
G. Ray Staats	

Absent: Allen Messick, and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Scott Blaier, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: William Denman, Esq., and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 945 farms in preservation districts totaling 145,243 acres, with a total of 488 farms under agricultural easements totaling 85,015 acres at a cost of \$134,280,634. For PDR 13 there are a total of 116 farms comprising 15,925 acres with a value of \$247,272,924 to be considered for purchase of development rights. For PDR 14 there are a total of 35 farms comprising 2,350 acres with a value of \$38,814,052. For the Forestland Preservation program, there are 6 forest areas, totaling 279.3 acres.

Michael McGrath informed the Board that the American Farmland Trust in their annual report on PDR programs shows Delaware as number one in money per capita. Mention was also made of an additional \$500K for the forestland preservation program from the Nature Conservancy for easement purchases.

II. Public Comments – Mr. Phil Tuthill explained to the Board that he has tried to get Kent County to put money into the Forestland Preservation program for the purchase of easements, but the County is still unable to do so.

III. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the July 11, 2007 minutes. Mention was made by several Board members that Mr. Vanderwende was noted as making a motion when he was not in attendance. It was agreed that this should be corrected. **William Vanderwende moved the minutes be approved with the necessary change to show the correct Board member making the motion, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Financial Highlights:

Michael McGrath presented the Foundation Budget in greater detail to the Board for their approval, explaining the additional details to the Board. Discussion followed. After the discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to approve the Foundation Budget, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.** (Copy is attached.)

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of July 31, 2007, \$12,904.84 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$99,038.02. We received \$65,923.00 revenue for the month of July made up of refunds from our account 8021 back to our account 8023. These refunds were for the use of money from 8023 while we were waiting for our 8021 funding. Expenses for the month of July totaled \$1,962.74. Michael McGrath then presented the new format of the Financial Statements to the Board. This new format is based upon the requests of the State Treasurer, Jack

Markell, at the July Foundation meeting. After discussion, **Allen Jones moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.

VI. Other Business:

No other business before the Foundation Board.

VII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on September 12, 2007 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary